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The Honorable Maggie McIntosh, Chairperson
Members of the House Environmental Matters Committee
House Environmental Matters Committee
Room 250, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21403

Re: Letter of Support, House Bill 51: Real Property- Installation and Use of Clotheslines on Residential Property

Dear Delegate McIntosh and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of the Environment supports HB 51. This bill will allow greater flexibility for the use of clotheslines in lieu of electric and natural gas driers, and is therefore supportive of the State's climate protection goals. When citizens take steps in their own homes to conserve energy, they are helping the State stay on track to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 25 percent by 2020, a target mandated by Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009. As you know, due to Maryland's extensive coastline, addressing sea level rise and climate change is critically urgent.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues as you review HB 51. Please contact me at 410-260-6301 or lnissley@mde.state.md.us if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely,

Lisa Nissley

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